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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO TRILATERAL
COMMISSION (CONFIDENTIAL)

REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER ASSERTED "THREE AMERICAN
CONDITIONS" FOR NORMALIZATION IN OFF-THE-RECORD REMARKS
TO THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION MONDAY PREDICTABLY MADE
HEADLINES IN THE TAIPEI PRESS. ROC NEWS CORRESPONDENTS
HERE REPORTED ,WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMATION" THAT THE UPI
ACCOUNT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WAS "ESSENTIALLY
CORRECT., WE UNDERSTAND THESE CORRESPONDENTS INTEND ALSO
TO REPORT THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT SECRETARIES VANCE AND
BROWN MENTIONED SIMILAR ,CONDITIONS" IN THEIR SEPARATE
SESSIONS WITH THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION. WHILE SOMEWHAT

UNSETTLED BY REFERENCES TO A SPEED UP IN THE NORMALIZATION
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PROCESS, ROC EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE COMMENTED INFORMALLY
THAT IF REPORTS ARE TRUE THAT U.S. IS SEEKING EXPLICIT
PRC COMMITMENT TO SETTLE TAIWAN PROBLEMTHROUGH PEACEFUL
MEANS ONLY, NORMALIZATION WILL BE SOME TIME IN COMING.

2. US/ROC TEXTILE AGREEMENT (UNCLASSIFIED)

NOTES WERE EXCHANGED ON JUNE 8 PUTTING THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT RETROACTIVELY FOR FIVE YEARS FROM JANUARY 1, 1978. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THE ROC HAS CONTINUED TEXTILE SHIPMENTS TO THIS COUNTRY UNDER TWO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING COVERING THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS. BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED IN LATE FEBRUARY, BUT THE TAIWANESE WERE SLOW IN WORKING OUT FINAL AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL DETAILS.

3. ARRIVAL OF "BUY AMERICAN" MISSION (L-O-U)

THE SECOND ROC BUYING MISSION TO ARRIVE IN THE U.S. SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NOVEMBER OF THE ROC "BUY MORE AMERICAN" POLICY TO NARROW THE LARGE ROC TRADE SURPLUS WITH THE U.S. ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 9. A SEMINAR ON EXPORTING TO TAIWAN ARRANGED BY THE US/ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JUNE 12. SIMILAR MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE MISSION'S STOPS IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. THE MISSION HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR MORE THAN DOLLARS 700 MILLION IN PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, RAW MATERIALS, AND INDUSTRIAL GOODS. BILL MORELL, USROCEC MANAGING DIRECTOR, REPORTS A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE LOS ANGELES SEMINAR AND MORE OF AN INTEREST ON THE PART OF MISSION MEMBERS IN APPOINTMENTS WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS WHICH MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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PURCHASES AT A LATER DATE. MOST OF THE PLANNED PURCHASES OF THE MISSION ANNOUNCED THUS FAR, PROBABLY REPRESENT SALES WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITH OR WITHOUT THE "BUY AMERICAN" POLICY. THE MISSION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JULY 15-20 AND RETURNS TO TAIPEI; ON JULY 27. CHRISTOPHER

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